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1. The Department of Propaganda and Sciences (Abteilung Propaganda und Wissenschaften) of the SED Central Committee is located on the fifth floor of the Zentral-Haus der Einheit, Berlin N 54, Wilhelm-Pieckstrasse 1. Professor Dr. Kurt Hager is head of this department. He is responsible for the guidance and direction of the East German State Secretariat for Advanced Schools (Staatssekretariat fuer Hochschulwesen).

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2. Helmut Frommknecht¹ is the employee of this department responsible for matters dealing with SED-sanctioned periodicals published by the Volk und Wissen publishing house. Frommknecht is very polite and cooperative but seems to know little about the more specialized aspects of the publishing business.

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Comment: Frommknecht first worked in a large plant in Hennigsdorf as a full-time SED Party Secretary after his return from the USSR, where he had graduated from an Antifa school. In 1949 he joined the Propaganda Department of the SED Land Directorate Brandenburg and in October 1950 he was delegated to attend the two-year course at the Karl Marx Party Academy in Klein-Machnow. Upon completion of the course he was assigned to the cadre section of the Propaganda Department of the SED Central Committee, where until mid-1953 he was responsible for the selection and placement of students of the Party Academy and of the Institute for Social Sciences.

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